

**Town of Arlington
Transportation Advisory Committee**

Minutes of 9/10/08, 7:15 pm to 10:00 pm, Town Hall Annex, Second Floor Conf. Room
Minutes submitted by Laura Wiener

Members and Associates Present: Elisabeth Carr-Jones, Paul Conroy, Sue Doctrow, John

Lentz, Jeff Maxtutis, Howard Muise, Mike Rademacher, Scott Smith, Ed Starr, Laura Wiener

Non-members Present: Sue Schneps, Glen Macisaac, Warren Pemsler (residents of Westminster Avenue)

1. Administration.

Meeting minutes of 8/13/08 approved unanimously.

Correspondence and other handouts were reviewed.

2. Town Day Prep. Flier for Mass. Ave. Design meetings will be displayed and Elisabeth will update poster showing chronology. Information on progress around schools.
3. Crossing Accommodation on Chestnut Street. Street width is approximately 40' in area around Keefe Funeral Home. Two pedestrian collisions between 1990 and 2002. Proponent wants signal at Medford and Mystic Streets. Committee felt more information needed on defining peak times, peak volumes, coordination with existing signals and crosswalks. Scott will follow up.
4. Stop Control on Dickson and Wheeler. Primary traffic is on Dickson. TAC originally voted to put stop signs on Dickson, but signs actually installed on Wheeler, because of wide open geometry. Volumes are too low for 4 way stop. Paul requesting guidance. Ed will look up history.
5. Capital Planning Submittal. TAC will submit a capital request for \$500,000 each year over 5 years for school sidewalks, crosswalks, intersection improvements. Both Selectmen and School Committee have approved prioritizing pedestrian oriented improvements around schools.
6. Westminster Traffic Calming. Options under consideration near the Lexington line are a neckdown or chicane and a median. Three Westminster residents discussed the changes. Ms. Schneps did not like the neckdown in front of her house because of a loss of parking, and Mr. Pemsler did not like the median in front of his house because he feared it would push traffic onto the sidewalk. Paul added that he does not like the neckdowns because they push traffic toward each other. Elisabeth noted that all options were being explored, and there will be a public meeting in the fall.
7. Experience at Parmenter School. Complaints about parking at the top of Academy Street have come in now that school has started. Suggestions included marking the spaces, and narrowing the sidewalk along Academy abutting the school to widen the top of Academy. Mike will look into the cost of doing that. Ed asked Paul to write a memo summarizing changes and expectations for distribution to parents. Laura will distribute. No changes recommended right now.
8. Park Circle Traffic Flow. Confusing traffic flow around this two way rotary. Mike recommended adding a double yellow line and edge line around the outside of the circle, to clarify traffic pattern. Voted unanimously.
9. Snow and Ice at corners around schools. Given input from the school working groups, Mike will mark up a map to locate problem areas where snow and ice impede safe routes to schools. DPW will try to keep these areas clear.
10. Thorndike Field Parking. Consultant/designer made recommendations to improve parking at Thorndike Field, which will not increase number of spaces, but will improve

circulation. Howard will bring final plans for a vote at next month's meeting. Howard will invite Joe to meeting.

11. Winslow Towers. Still in process.
12. Winter Street. Still in process.
13. Mass. Ave. Corridor. Public meetings scheduled for October 1 (informational) and October 23 (interactive workshop). Laura will send flier to all members.
14. Standard School Signs. Committee reviewed and approved School Area Sign Standard as distributed by Elisabeth. Jean noted that Thompson sign reads, "when children are present". TAC felt this was ok for now, but should be brought into conformity with other signs in the near future.
15. Bishop School. Mike reported that it will be a few weeks until signs are available to install.
16. Stratton School. Some of the signs were installed incorrectly. Paul is working on it.
17. Thompson School. Need a new Safe Routes to School coordinator. Will get survey from Bishop.
18. Peirce School. Met with Dan Warren to place sign locations. Moving forward.
19. Dallin School. Located school zone signs.
20. Town News.
 - a. Mike reported water mains to be replaced on Bartlett.
21. Meeting adjourned at 10:00 pm.

Handouts:

Ed's Meeting Package: Agenda, 9/10/08; Memos (2) from Marie Krepelka to Ed Starr, dated August 20, 2008; "Project Status", 9/10/08; "Active/Planned TAC Projects and Working Groups", dated 9/10/08; "Town Day 2008"; Memo to All Department Heads, Appointing Authorities, Boards, Committees, and Commissions dated August 22, 2008, Subject: FY2010 Capital Budget and FY 2010-2014 Capital Plan; Picture of Academy Street near Parmenter School; "New Sidewalk and Handicap Ramp Improvements for Schools: v2:9/9/09; Memo to Board of Selectmen From Transportation Advisory Committee, Recommendations re Crosswalk at Medford Street, Dated 23 August 2008.

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Draft Transportation Recommendations—Thorndike Field and Vicinity, 6/23/08

Mass. Ave. Corridor Project Meeting flier.

Westminster Avenue Traffic Calming, 8 September 2008.

Phase 1A Safety Recommendations for the Bishop School

School Area Sign Standard